

# **Using PRIZM NE in Direct Response Marketing**

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(Your big annual Marketing Joke 06)



# Now, We Talk, Is Good? PRIZM NE Strategies

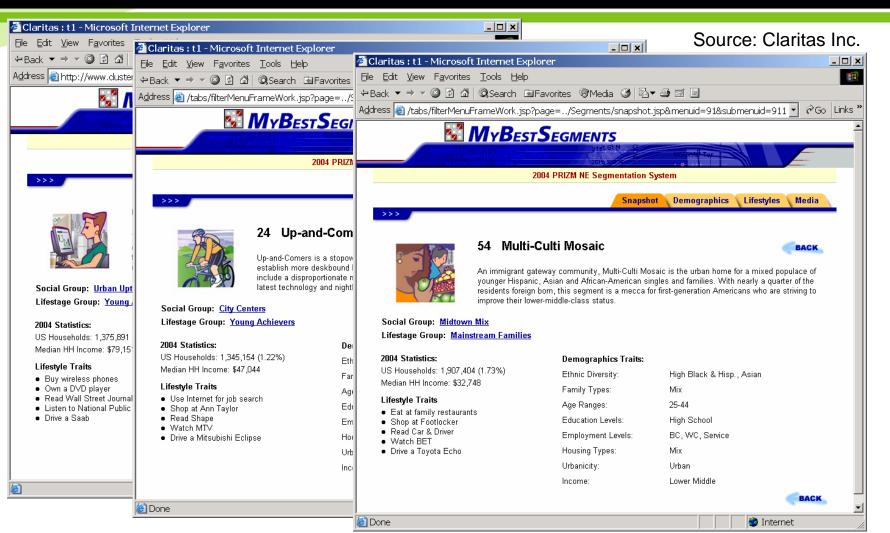
✓ Lower Cost Per Acquisition & Increase Direct Mail Take Rates

✓ Develop Targeted Affinity Programs

✓ Maximize The Value Of New Sign-ups



### **Know Thy Customer**





### We Energies, Spring 2005 (Cost Savings)

Per-piece cost (letter):\$0.32

### **PRIZM NE segmentation:**

Actually spent \$9718 to acquire 411 customers (\$23.64/customer)

#### Response:

- 1.35% targeted group (411 sign-ups/30,367 households).
- > 1.02% random group
- > (32% difference)

### **At Random Response Rate:**

Would have had to spend ~\$13,000, mailing to 9,898 extra households, to acquire those same 411 customers

### **Cost Savings vs. Random:**

- \$3,167 (\$7.71/customer)
- ~28% of budget



### PacifiCorp, Spring 2005 (Revenue Gain)

#### Goal:

 Maximize new sign-ups and ROI from a mailing with a ~\$41,000 budget.

#### **Results:**

- Control Response Rate = 0.67%
- Segmentation ResponseRate = 1.09%
- Annual Revenue per Customer = ~\$60

#### PRIZM NE Response Rate:

Actually acquired 1,176 new customers (\$70,560/year)

#### **At Random Response Rate:**

Would have acquired only 720 new customers (\$43,188/year)

### Annual revenue gain, targeted vs. random:

~\$27,360 (63% difference)



## Using PRIZM NE to Develop a Targeted Affinity Program





		Green	
<b>PRIZM Segments</b>		Energy	
<u>#</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Index</u>	
<u>10</u>	Second City Elite	146	
<u>12</u>	Brite Lites, Li'l City	106	
<u>13</u>	Upward Bound	95	
<u>14</u>	New Empty Nests	136	
<u>15</u>	Pools & Patios	93	
<u>16</u>	Bohemian Mix	135	
<u>17</u>	Beltway Boomers	109	
<u>18</u>	Kids & Cul-de-sacs	104	
<u>19</u>	Home Sweet Home	89	

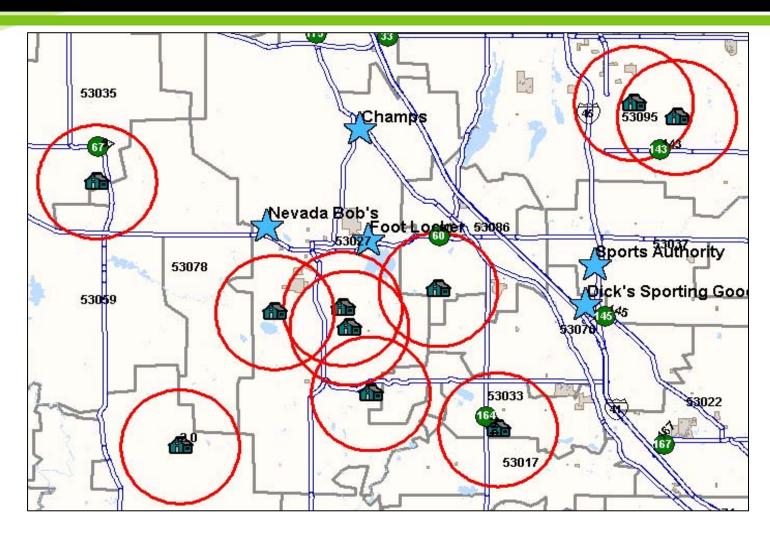
<b>Business Summary Report</b>			
Service Territory			
SIC-Retail Trade	Total of Businesses		
594100 Sporting Gds & Bcy	276		
594101 Fishing Equipment	15		
594102 Hunting Equipment	6		
594103 Tennis Shops	3		
594109 Bowling Equip, Supps	12		
594110 Saddlry, Equestrian Eq	12		
594113 Skiing Equipment	5		
594114 Golf Equipment	25		
Subtotals	354		

Identify Businesses Categories **Analyze Lifestyle Profiles** 

Lifestyle Report-Sports &			
Leisure			
Sports & Leisure Behaviors	Index		
MRI Household Count (H)			
Belong to a Country Club (A)	282		
Contribute to NPR,1 yr (A)	238		
Buy 1960s Nostalgia Music,1yr (A)	230		
Contribute to PBS,1yr (A)	225		
Own Cross Country Boots/Skis (A)	224		
Go Cross Country Skiing,1yr (A)	223		
Buy Golf Clubs,1yr (A)	222		
Buy Flowers by Mail/Phone,1yr (A)	221		



## Identify Potential Green Neighborhoods with Spatial Analysis





### Maximize The Value Of New Sign-ups

### We Energies - 2005 Direct Mail Campaign

- 156,565 households received letter.
- 10 segments targeted, with a random control group.
- 6 of the 10 signed up at \$120 per-customer annual revenue or better; 2 were \$150 or better.
- This is more than twice the industry per-customer benchmark of ~\$60 (\$5/month).

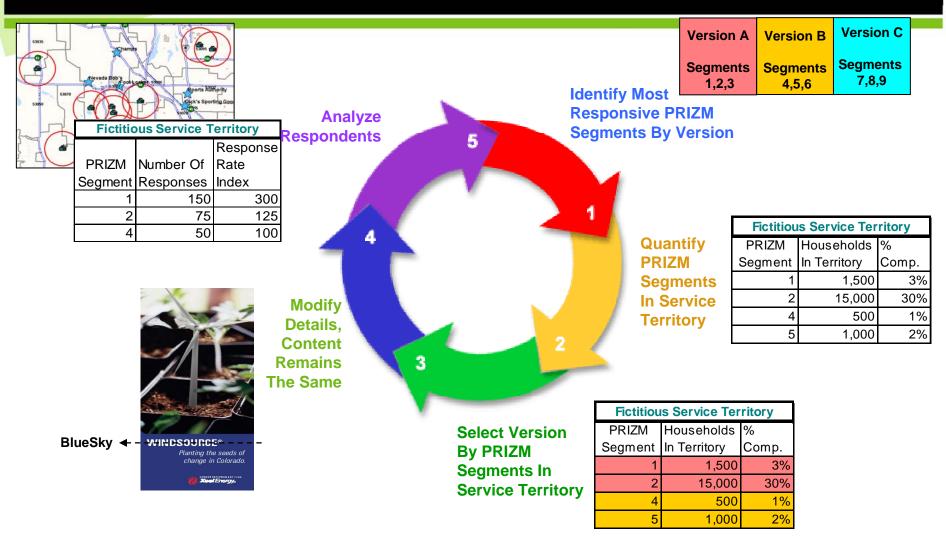


### Other Strategies to Increase DM Effectiveness

- Letter vs. Brochure: Spend less on each direct mail piece.
- Structure direct mail pieces more effectively.
- Develop messages that resonate with each target group.
- Run test mailings that isolate one variable.



# Versioning: Selecting Successful Messages For Your Market





### Summary

### What have we learned?

lf you ...

- Know your customers and prospects
- Focus on your target market
- Communicate differently to each group

### Then you could...

- Lower Acquisition Costs
- Increase Take Rates
- Maintain Customer Relationships
- Develop a community of likeminded households & businesses
- Collect your GPLA and spend your raise: You're going to Disneyland!







### For More Information

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